

# His Skill in Air Gives Color to Duck-Hunting Story.

## STILL DOUBTFUL, HOWEVER

Friend of Aeronaut Tells of His Wonderful Exploits.

**NERVY IN FACE OF DANGER**

Performs Difficult Feats When Gales Prevail—How Airmen Chase Birds.

Hubert Latham is so expert as an aviator, according to a member of the Washington Aero Club, who knows him, that one is almost willing to credit the account telegraphed from Los Angeles of his going duck hunting in an aeroplane. In speaking of the report, Latham's acquaintance said:

"That big Antonette machine he flies is very steady in a wind, though theoretically it should not be. It has big single surfaces for the wind to operate on and it ought to be most unstable. At the same time I have seen Latham do things with it in a twenty-mile wind."

**His Stunts in Air.**

"At Belmont Park he was in the air nearly all the time. In fact, he seemed to be able to fly in a worse wind than any of the aviators except the Wrights. The grandstand at the park is a big structure, and when the wind is blowing from the back there is a comparative calm under its lee for a quarter of a mile. I have seen Latham when there was a twenty-mile wind blowing from around the track there. He looked as though he was going slowly, but in reality he was not. He would float along under the lee of that stand with the big propeller turning gently in the almost still air, and at the end of the sheltered run he would plunge into a vicious cross-current blowing twenty miles an hour, and the machine apparently would not waver, though it might slide off somewhat to leeward down the wind."

"The apparent ease of the performance was due entirely to his marvelous judgment of wind conditions and his immense strength of wrist in handling the controls. But I am not inclined to credit the story of his letting go the controls long enough to shoot ducks or anything else."

**Has Reputation for Shooting.**

"I have no doubt that he could carry any one else duck shooting and give them great sport, too, and if he had a good operator he probably could do the shooting himself, for he has a reputation in France as a game shot as well as an aviator. He has even taken some of the trap prizes at Monaco. But aeroplanes at the present stage do not permit divided allegiance. Of course, in steady air an aviator can let go the controls for an instant. Grahame-White demonstrated that some of his flights at Bournemouth, but that is a very different thing from picking up a shotgun, firing it and putting it down again."

"It is true that an aeroplane can chase a bird and run it down if the bird is not very swift. Wilbur Wright says they have frequently chased birds in their aeroplanes, and beaten them. He says the speed of a bird is only a few miles an hour, and a big airship can overtake it. A big airship can only make from forty to fifty miles an hour, according to wind conditions. But, with this low speed, a big airship can chase a bird, and because some of the high grade homers have been timed up to seventy miles an hour, and down at some of the Virginia hunt clubs have been trying to revive falconry, and that they have had a good deal of sport with it. There is a fine field for falconry in aeroplaning. A machine that can go across mountains and can run down the average bird and then launch a trained bird of prey after it, opens up a new vista of sport that is better even than duck shooting from an aeroplane."

# SHOT HIS MOST DEADLY ENEMY—THE KILLS HIMSELF

Rockville Negro Fires as Christmas Drink Is Being Poured by Victim.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

ROCKVILLE, Md., December 26.—Going to his friend's home on the outskirts of Rockville, ostensibly to partake of Christmas cheer, Leonard Thomas, colored, was found early this morning, colored, forty years old, while the latter was in the act of pouring out a drink for his guest. This morning the dead body of the murderer was found in a wooded hollow near the scene of the shooting, a second empty chamber in his revolver, frozen nearby, showing how his life had been ended.

The shooting is believed to have been the outgrowth of a quarrel between the two men which took place a month ago, but which was believed to have been patched up. Urged on by several stiff drinks of whisky, however, the smoldering fire of the younger man's revenge were believed to have broken out afresh, ending in the double tragedy.

**Shot As He Poured Drink.**

Thomas appeared at Leonard's house about 10 o'clock last night and soon was one of several negroes in the latter's parlor, paying Christmas calls. Apparently Thomas and his host were on the best of terms, as far as can be learned from the course of the evening to upset the equilibrium of the gathering. About 11 o'clock, however, while Copeland was in the act of pouring out a drink for Thomas, the latter, it is alleged, drew his revolver, took aim and fired, sending a bullet crashing through the brain of his victim. Before the other guests could recover sufficiently from the shock to prevent him, Thomas had pocketed his revolver and walked from the room. His host, who was sitting at the table, was so shocked that he did not move. The children, who were dependent on his earnings as a farm hand, Thomas lived with his father. The father says the boy was sober when he left the house to call on Leonard.

# BOMB DAMAGES WORKS WHERE STRIKE IS ON

Explosion in Los Angeles Yesterday Blamed on Men From Outside the City.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., December 26.—Much damage was done by a bomb at 2 o'clock yesterday morning to the Llewellyn Iron works, on North Main street, which has been fighting strikers for months.

The force of the explosion at the iron works tore out the front of the building, smashed windows for more than a block and awakened persons more than two miles away. The night watchman was slightly injured. A hole eighteen inches deep and about six feet in diameter bears witness to the place of it. About seventy-five feet from the front of the main building, a three-story frame structure, was shot to pieces, and its contents of furniture and paraphernalia were piled together in apparent ruin. The heavy machinery of the building apparently was undamaged.

**Outside Men Blamed.**

Officials of the Llewellyn Company are of the opinion that the explosion was the outgrowth of their differences with labor, and the police are working on this theory. John Llewellyn, secretary of the company, said:

"There is no doubt in my mind that this effort to destroy our property is due to the fact that we are standing on our rights to run our own business in our own way. I do not, however, wish to be understood as intimating that the men who were working in Los Angeles and went out in the mortal workers' strike are responsible for it. I do not think they had anything to do with it. I believe it is the work of men who do not belong here, who for the most part are malicious and are willing to commit any kind of crime."

**Laber for Peaceful Methods.**

Fred C. Wheeler, president of the Los Angeles Labor Council, said:

"The fact that the Llewellyn iron works is in warfare with organized labor is all our enemies need in order to lay this outrage at our door. Every friend of the cause of labor knows that violence injures our cause more than those against whom it may be directed."

"If these men would seek to fasten upon us any responsibility for any such crime, we of the Los Angeles Council are able to make a answer to defying any one to point out any time in the twenty-five years of our existence when we have advocated other than peaceful measures for the accomplishment of our just ends."

# SIX LOST ON STEAMER SUNK IN COLLISION

Belgian Ship Baltique Sent to Bottom by the Finland Off River Sohldt.

ANTWERP, December 26.—The steamer Finland and the Belgian steamer Baltique were in collision last night off the north of the river Scheldt.

The latter vessel was so badly damaged that she sank immediately. Six persons were drowned.

The Finland picked up ten of the Baltique's crew of sixteen, including the captain. The other six were sleeping at the time of the accident, and went down with the steamer.

The cause of the collision is unknown. The Finland has gone to Newcastle to investigate what damage she received.

The Baltique is a small Belgian steamer, having a tonnage of 1,200 tons. She is 120 feet long, 20 feet wide, and 12 feet deep. She was built at West Hartlepool, England, by Messrs. J. & F. Hall, and is owned by Glanville & Muller. Her length is 120 feet between perpendiculars; her beam, 20 feet, and her depth, 12 feet.

# FIVE WOMEN ARE FOUND DEAD IN THEIR BEDS

Heart Disease Cause of Death in Each Case in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, December 26.—Five women were found dead in bed Christmas day in this city by other occupants of the houses where they lived. Death in each instance was due to heart disease.

Mrs. Elizabeth Farrell, sixty-five years old, was found dead by her daughter, Mrs. Mary Farrell, who lives at 1212 Chestnut street. Under almost the same circumstances her husband was found dead last Christmas.

Mrs. Grace Daly, twenty-eight years old, wife of Jack Daly, a former well-known pugilist, was found dead by Capt. Briggs of the Salvation Army. When Capt. Briggs called to give Mrs. Daly a present she was shown up to her room, and when no response to frequent knocking was received the door was broken open. Mrs. Daly was found stretched across the bed. Life had been extinct several hours.

**Was Dressing for Church.**

Mrs. Katherine Gibbons, seventy-five years old, who resided with a sister, Mrs. Bridget Murphy, arose yesterday morning and asked Mrs. Murphy to wait for her while she dressed, and she would accompany her to church. After waiting for about five minutes Mrs. Murphy went to look for her sister. She found her lying across the bed, and when no response to frequent knocking was received the door was broken open. Mrs. Daly was found stretched across the bed. Life had been extinct several hours.

Mrs. Nellie McNamara, thirty-eight years old, was found by her husband, Mr. Frazier, thirty-eight years old, was found by a relative.

# DEWEY SEVENTY-THREE, HEALTH IS STILL GOOD

Admiral of the Navy Celebrates Birthday Anniversary Quietly at His Home.

Admiral George Dewey, hero of the battle of Manila bay, and the ranking officer of the navy, quietly celebrated his seventy-third birthday today. He was the recipient of congratulations, oral and written, from his many friends in official as well as in private life. There was no formal observance of the anniversary beyond what might naturally result from its occurrence on the great Christian holiday.

The admiral remained at home with his family at their residence, 16th and K streets, and gave a cordial welcome to the many friends who called to pay their respects. Among the number was Rear Admiral B. P. Lambertson, now on the retired list in poor health, who was one of the admiral's "captains" in the Manila bay engagement in 1898. The only other one of those "captains" still living is Rear Admiral Asa Walker, whose home is in Annapolis.

Admiral Dewey is in good health, considering his long years and arduous services, and is still able to attend to his duties as president of the naval general board. He usually walks to his office in the Mills building when the weather is good, and rarely misses a drive in Rock Creek Park to the afternoon.

# ADMIRAL DEWEY.

**No Decision in State.**

"There has been no decision in this state under section 9, and there is no penalty provided if the church receives more than the sum specified in section 9." It will be argued by the scientists that many churches not bequests would in some cases exceed \$2,000 a year.

In a decision by the chief justice (Mass.), this statement is found:

"We have never had in Massachusetts any legislation prohibiting charitable gifts to trustees or corporations or providing for the payment of taxes on such gifts. The corporations shall be void."

If section 9 is held good, it is claimed that the helplessness may have the best set aside unless there is a corporate body specifically authorized by law to hold a larger amount than that mentioned by the statute. The importance of the heirs-at-law in this line of attack on the bequest, if it should be adopted, is that it would deprive the heirs-at-law of their rights under the trust deed which provides that they should lose their interest if they contested the will.

The point of the situation is said to be that the legal question regarding the capacity of the First Church to take the bequest would be raised in the afternoon, and that no direct attack need be made on the will itself.

The net result, however, would be that if it should be declared that the First Church of Christ, Scientist, could not take the property, it would inevitably go to the heirs-at-law.

**Church Not Incorporated.**

It is admitted that the church is not incorporated in regular form, but no objection has ever been raised as to the right of the directors to hold property, and it is anticipated by many that the fight, should there be one, will center around the interpretation of the various sections of chapter 37, which provides that the directors of religious and charitable uses. Section 9 provides that the deacons, wardens or similar officers of churches or religious societies shall, if citizens of this commonwealth, be deemed bodies corporate for the purpose of taking and holding in succession all real and personal estate, either to them and their successors, or to their heirs, if they are incorporated, or to the poor of their churches.

# SAENGERBUND HAS TREE.

Children Take Part in "Weihnachten" Celebration.

"Weihnachten" was celebrated at the Washington Saengerbund last evening with a great Christmas tree and a real Santa Claus, an address by President Lepper, the recitation of German poems by Elsie Lippman, Beatrice Endres and Felix Brooke and songs and chorals by the children of the German Language School, of which Richard Brauner is the superintendent.

The celebration was held under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Saengerbund, and participated in, with true Christmas spirit, by both young and old. The feature that easily inspired the greatest enthusiasm was the immense Christmas tree, which stood in the center of the hall, and was decorated with its treasures of tinsel, toys and other gifts. It was a truly German Christmas evening, with the children the chief guests of the occasion. Adolph Levy was the Santa Claus.

Those of the children who attend the language school and who had made the occasion merry were: Beatrice Endres, Elsie Lippman, Dorothy Stettin, Pearl Cramer, Rachel Beuchert, Nettie Beuchert, Mary Meinhardt, Corinne Hutter, Grace Reynolds, Mary Neulands, Nora Brauner, Margaret Pitt, Nora Newman, Ann Noland, Gottfried Barthel, Elsie Schneider, Christine Bloss, Frieda Krieger, Ina Brauner, Felix Brooke, Richard Schneider, Victor Brauner, Peter Stettin, Gerald Welkert, Henry Helmers, Norman Stockett, Frederick Schmidt, Alfred Krieger and Victor Brauner.

The Columbia Turnverein will hold its celebration at its clubhouse on M street this evening, and the Arion Gesang Verein will have its Weihnachtsfeier next Sunday evening at Arion Hall.

# GERMANY AND RUSSIA AGREED AS TO TERMS

Understanding Reached as to Construction of Railways in Middle East.

Foreign Correspondence of The Star.

BERLIN, December 14, 1910.

Count Ernest Reventlow, a well-known German statesman, has signed article to the Deutsche Tageszeitung, stating that the recent visit of the czar to Potsdam, when his majesty was attended by M. Sazonoff, the new Russian minister for foreign affairs, has resulted in a definite agreement between Germany and Russia regarding the construction of railways in the middle east. Count Reventlow admits that the agreement is not on paper, but it is none the less binding, because Germany has unlimited faith in Russian pledges, although Count Reventlow states that if the projected Russian railway through Persia to a point on the Indian frontier be constructed Russia will provide a branch line connecting the main line with Hamadan, on the Turkish-Persian frontier, to the Persian Gulf. The Russian railway, when that line is constructed as far as Bagdad.

**Germany's Interests in Persia.**

Count Reventlow writes:

"It is quite clear that Germany has very great interests in the construction of a railway through the interior of Persia, because this is the only means whereby the open door in Persia, so often proclaimed by Germany, can actually be maintained."

Count Reventlow alleges that Germany has undertaken to exercise her powerful diplomatic influence at Constantinople to prevent any Russian railway through Persia from reaching the Black Sea, and he concludes:

"It is a fact that this new Russo-German agreement is satisfactory not only to Great Britain, but also to France. The French press, less reserved than the British, declares bitterly that Germany will certainly gain advantages through the improvement in her relations with Russia."

# NEWS OF LEEBSBURG.

**Death of Mrs. Virginia Smith—Sale of the Thomas Farm.**

LEEBSBURG, Va., December 26, 1910.

Mrs. Virginia Smith died at her home in Leesburg Saturday morning from paralysis. Her daughter, Miss Alice Smith of Leesburg and Mrs. Hattie Sampson of Los Angeles, Cal., and one son, Earle Smith of Washington, D. C., survive her.

Baroness Both of Westmoreland, from the Boys' Club of St. James Church, Leesburg, and a team from the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, Leesburg, were in the city for the funeral of Mrs. Smith. The funeral was held at the Episcopal Church Sunday morning.

**Mr. Barnes' Trained Hens Gone.**

Five fat hens were stolen from Henry Barnes' chicken house early this morning. Mr. Barnes lives at 731 2d street southwest. The chickens were particularly valuable, as they had been trained to go to bed at sundown.

Mr. Barnes has no suspicions and the police no hope.

**Mind's Influence Over the Body.**

Upon the condition of a man's mind, the condition of his body largely depends, according to the beliefs set forth by Dr. Lyman B. Sperry in a lecture given at the New National Theater yesterday afternoon, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

Besides Dr. Sperry's lecture a musical program appropriate for Christmas was presented by the Peabody Concert Company of Baltimore.

# TEMPERATURE RECORD.

**Records for Twenty-Four Hours.**

The following were the readings of the thermometer and barometer at the weather bureau for the twenty-four hours beginning at 8 a. m. yesterday:

Thermometer—December 25, 4 p. m., 28; 8 p. m., 28; 12 midnight, 24; December 26, 8 a. m., 23; 12 noon, 23; 4 p. m., 23; 8 p. m., 23; 12 midnight, 20; December 26, 8 a. m., 20; 12 noon, 20; 4 p. m., 20; 8 p. m., 20; 12 midnight, 18.

# HOURS OF MRS. EDDY MAY FRUSTRATE CHURCH

Unaccountable Effort at Suicide of Mrs. Rachel Eichberg While Visiting Parents.

Mrs. Rachel Eichberg, wife of a merchant of Danville, Va., attempted suicide by drinking carbolic acid yesterday, but had so far recovered from poisoning and burns today that she was permitted to receive visits from members of her family.

Yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock the young woman went to her room at the home of her parents, 1012 C street southwest, and swallowed more than one ounce of the acid.

No cause for the act was assigned by the woman or her parents, but the suggestion was made by others that she had probably become despondent because she was so far away from her husband on Christmas.

"You were very foolish to do such a thing," the patient was told while she was being treated at the hospital last night.

"Foolish," she echoed, "that does not express it."

**Came Here to Spend Holidays.**

Mrs. Eichberg came here some days ago to spend the Christmas holiday season with her parents, the undersigned being her husband's uncle. She seemed to enjoy Christmas dinner with her parents yesterday, chatting and laughing as if she had not a care.

Shortly after she went out to the store and was gone more than thirty minutes, and it was during her absence from the house that she probably purchased the poison. When she returned to the house she was going to take a nap, and she was found by a member of the family lying on an apparently dying condition.

When Mrs. Eichberg was found on the bed in her room she was terribly burned about her face, body and hands, having spilled part of the acid. She was not conscious, and although the doctor offered no explanation of her act, Dr. Feltz reached the bedside of the sufferer from the emergency hospital in a few minutes after she was found and hurried her to the hospital.

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# ACTION OF KAISER ANGRERS THE BREWERS

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BERLIN, December 16, 1910.

The union of German brewers, which has been holding its annual conference in Munich, is exceedingly angry at the action of the kaiser's recent rescripts about the abuse of alcohol in the army and navy.

Dr. Vogel, director of the Brewers' Academy, maintained that beer was an essential in the support of the German people, and that the kaiser's action was nothing more nor less than "blind folly."

The speaker then reminded his hearers of Bismarck's remark: "Without alcohol we would not have been able to do anything."

The use of beer, said the speaker, inspired patriotism. The kaiser, he said, ought to remember that the brewers of their industry have done for the rising German fleet. When it was necessary to provide funds for new ships they raised \$25,000,000 for this purpose, and Dr. Vogel said he has not yet heard that the apostles of temperance have fulfilled a similar patriotic duty.

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Dr. Vogel, of course, forgot to mention that the \$25,000,000 devoted to the fleet was commonly known as the "kaiser's beer money."

# HEAD OF BERLIN POLICE MAY BE TRANSFERRED

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The Cologne Volkzeitung, a leading organ of the center party, learns from a reliable source that the position of Herr von Jagow, chief of the Berlin police, is so seriously shaken by the trial of the Moabit rioters that it is expected that he will be removed to another post on its conclusion.

The proceedings in this trial have revealed the fact that the police were unfortunate in the arrests they made during the riots, for the weight of the evidence against the police was so great that the trial of the Moabit rioters was a severe blow to the police.

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The blaze flared up and completely lighted the large auditorium of the edifice, while the congregation looked on in wonder. Many declared that the alcohol from one pint of beer could so completely light the large church interior, but in their unbelief were speedily dispelled.

**Burned for Ten Minutes.**

Then, turning to the audience while the blaze continued to flare up, the minister continued his dissertation, condemning the liquor traffic and pointing to the great damage which alcohol is doing. He pointed out that beer has alcohol in it, as evidenced by the light he was lecturing by.

For ten minutes he spoke, and then the light burned low and the lights of the church were turned on. The clergyman declared that he had shown his hearers would want no stronger argument against beer than the fact that in one pint of it he had shown enough alcohol to light a large church edifice for one-half of an hour. He declared that the exhibition spoke louder than any words of his could ever do, and advised his hearers that strong drink is ever the wise thing for the wise man to do.

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